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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Lars STIGSSON

Serial No. 09/913,409

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Group 1731

Examiner Marc S. Alvo

PROCESS FOR OXYGEN PULPING OF
LIGNOCELLULOSIC MATERIAL AND
RECOVERY OF PULPING CHEMICALS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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The Primary Examiner had kindly indicated that the claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. By the present amendment, as was pointed out above, it is believed that the same has been effected.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance on the basis of claims 39-80 are accordingly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge the fee of \$36 for four extra dependent claims added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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